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# Faculty talk budget, transparency

University higher-ups outline USC Connect, shrinking state funding, education sacrifices

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The Quality Enhancement Plan, transparency and a worsening budget were the big issues at Wednesday afternoon's faculty senate meeting in the Law School Auditorium.

Several university heads gave speeches concerning the most important issues facing the university.

## Quality Enhancement Plan

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires the submission of a Quality Enhancement Plan as part of its reaffirmation of university accreditation process. USC's Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs and Chair of the QEP Proposal Committee Irma Van Scoy outlined USC's plan, dubbed USC Connect, in the meeting's first presentation.

"We plan to make a difference to enhance the lives of students here at Carolina," Van Scoy said. "We're going to be investing serious money in it, so we want everyone to know about it."

Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Studies Helen Doerpinghaus estimated that "serious money" is \$500,000 per year for five years. When asked if SACS requires a minimum cost for the QEP, Van Scoy said the proposal "requires a significant investment on the part of the university."

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## Vegans seek more on-campus meals

Peta2, student animal rights group gather near Russell to gain support

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A large "I Am Not a Nugget" chicken mascot joined a group of young protestors outside Russell House Wednesday, asking for more vegan-friendly food options from Carolina Dining.

Peta2 — also known as PETA's young adult division — collaborated with USC's new animal rights group, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, for the demonstration. A vegan is someone who does not use or consume animal products such as meat, dairy, eggs, fur, leather or products tested on animals.

Their food options are currently limited at dining halls on campus, students said. Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was founded by Amanda Arcamone, a second-year experimental psychology student who said she has been a vegetarian since she was 5 years old because her parents wanted her to have the health benefits.

"I felt like the best way to spread the word was to start a group full of like-minded people who love animals and help in any way we can," Arcamone said. "The issue of animal rights is one of the most important issues we have today. I wanted a group at our campus to help fight cruelty as much as we can while having fun."

On Monday and Tuesday Arcamone worked with

Peta2, the largest youth animal rights group in the world, and collected signatures for the petition. On Wednesday, Arcamone dressed up in the "I Am Not a Nugget" chicken costume in order to draw more attention to the petition.

"The support for it has been overwhelming. Thousands of students have signed in support of vegan-friendly options at USC," Lucas Solowey, a Peta2 representative, said. Initially, the advocates were inside the Russell House trying to get students to sign the petition, but Chelsea Dunstall, a Peta2 intern, said Dining Services required them to have a permit to be in the dining halls. "We're not campaigning against the dining hall; we're campaigning in support of more vegan options,"

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Students signed a petition for more vegan-friendly options on campus during Wednesday's protest.

## SG leaders fight for funds across state

South Carolina Higher Education Rally planned for Feb. 15 at Statehouse

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Student government leaders from the University of South Carolina, Clemson University and College of Charleston are collaborating to fight for more state budget allocations toward higher education.

South Carolina is set to face a budget deficit of more than \$800 million this year, and funds set aside for colleges and universities could be the lowest in decades.

"We're tired of being the butt of every joke," said Student Government Sen. John Cuenin in reference to South Carolina. "We want everything that is tied to this state to prosper. This is just one step in the right direction."

To gain student and political support, there will be a student lobbying day in front of the Statehouse Feb. 15 for students to voice concerns and opinions as to how Gov. Nikki Haley should fund public universities. The event, called the South Carolina Higher Education Rally, has been advertised on Facebook and has over 250 guests attending. Cuenin said at SG meeting's Wednesday night that students need to be as much of a part of this as possible.

"If we don't have student support, than we basically don't get anything done," he said. "Everyone is conscious about tuition rising. It is our goal to ensure that it doesn't."

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Sen. John Cuenin speaks during Wednesday's meeting.

## After shots of liquor, easy trivia becomes difficult

SGTV show features tipsy students struggling to answer simple questions

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What's the title of the most recently released Harry Potter book?

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You can surely find out playing "Tipsy Trivia."

The SGTV show — a sloppy mixture of trivia and intoxication set in front of the Five Points Fountain — has left plenty of students both regretting and remembering

what they did the night before. Co-creators Krista Bagley and Laura Kuhen, both fourth-year broadcast journalism students, ask random students simple trivia questions during the wee hours of Friday morning at least twice a month.

"We'll tell people we remember, 'Hey, you were on our show,' and they'll have no idea what we were talking about," Bagley said. "They'll look it up the next day and text us and tell us how hysterical it was."

The show started last year, and it's picked up somewhat of a following online. This week is a special promotional

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# LGBT rights defended

Former Utah state representative, SC native Christine Johnson advocates greater equality, protection of local gay community

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There was an air of excitement at Wardlaw College as LGBT students, faculty, community members and straight allies gathered to hear former Utah State Rep. Christine Johnson, the new executive director of South Carolina Equality Coalition, deliver the first address of Speak Out Loud.

Speak Out Loud is an educational lecture series sponsored by SafeZone, a branch of Student Health Services dedicated to supporting the LGBT community and fighting homophobia.

“This is historic,” said third-year visual communications student Zac Baker, a public relations officer for the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Student Alliance. “This is the first lecture series to deal with LGBT issues; it shows there are definite climate changes, not just across the nation but here on campus as well.”

However, the atmosphere soon became serious as Johnson discussed the major barriers and prejudices faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens, not only in the work force and in legislation, but also within the larger LGBT community itself. Johnson, a South Carolina native, emphasized the need to work with other minority groups and promote understanding between different LGBT racial and social subgroups in order to secure legal protection of family life and employment opportunities as well as protection against hate crimes and domestic violence for people of all sexual orientation.

Johnson also called for the community to redefine itself and strengthen its message while maintaining authenticity. She discussed matters of religion, encouraging the audience to keep an open dialogue with the faith-based communities and support gays and lesbians who wish to maintain a faith life.

“We have to meet people where they are and remind them who we are,” Johnson said. “All it takes is a small push, and it’s the small things that make significant changes.”

According to Johnson, there are two pro-equality proposals circulating in the South Carolina legislature this year; one addresses anti-gay bullying while the other protects against anti-gay hate crimes.

“We are South Carolinians — this is our home,” Johnson said. “Unfortunately, our state has a reputation for not being progressive, and we fake pride in being a little bit backward. I’m hoping the LGBT community here can decide that moving slowly is not OK. There’s not going to be a change until we decide to be empowered.”

Four more speeches will ensue this semester as part of the Speak Out Loud series, covering topics such as the foundation of BGLSA, parental involvement in securing LGBT rights, the SafeZone Ally service on campus and making schools safer for “gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer questioning and intersex students.” The next address, featuring USC alumnus Tony Price, who sued the university in the early 1980s in order to establish BGLSA, will take place Monday, Feb. 21 in Gambrell Hall.

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## NATIONAL

### AZ lawmakers grapple with transplant cuts

PHOENIX — Life or death consequences for dozens of Arizonans are butting up against the state’s budget woes as legislators debate the elimination last fall of Medicaid coverage for some transplants — even as they consider additional health care cuts.

Some Arizona Democratic lawmakers have introduced bills and held news conferences with transplant candidates to call for reversal of a budget cut that eliminated coverage for some transplants last fall. They also raised the politically charged issue at a legislative hearing Wednesday, for the second day in a row.

The change eliminated coverage for approximately 100 candidates for four types of transplants and saved a projected \$1.4 million in the current budget. The state’s Medicaid program will still pay for a projected 85 transplants this year, down from 100 before the cut.

“I’m a human life. They seem to be picking and choosing who’s going to live and who’s going to die,” said Mary Lou Estrada, a 62-year-old former electronics assembly worker who needs a liver transplant. “It just seems they would put a life before other things.”

Majority Republicans and Gov. Jan Brewer show no sign of reversing the cut. In fact, they’re moving toward dropping Medicaid coverage for 280,000 adults to help close another shortfall.

Two people among those taken off transplant lists have died since the cut. One of the deaths has been attributed to the cut. The second involved a man who died during preparations for a transplant that was to have been funded through an anonymous donor’s contribution.

Said Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor, D-Phoenix: “These are not numbers. These are people.”

Senate Appropriations Chairman Andy Biggs, R-Gilbert, said he’s well aware of the “tragic consequences” of the transplant cut that took effect Oct. 1. But the budget remains out of whack, with Brewer proposing \$600 million of new borrowing to help close a projected \$1.1 billion shortfall, so adding new spending to restore the transplant coverages eliminated last year is hard to contemplate, Biggs said.

“Don’t think that anybody doesn’t think that’s not a serious issue,” he said. “By the same token, because we’re dealing with a zero-sum budget issue, when you move those dollars over here you’re taking them from somebody else who also has serious issues. That happens any time you have socialized medicine,” Biggs added. “You end up rationing health care.”

Brewer spokesman Matthew Benson denied that the governor or her aides have asked that transplant coverage bills not be considered.

“What the governor is looking for is a solution to what is a \$1 billion problem,” Benson said. “Unfortunately, the Democrats haven’t been interested in providing actual solutions to the entirety of the problem.”

Rep. Anna Tovar, a Tolleson Democrat who herself is a past bone-marrow transplant recipient, said the issue should be dealt with immediately, not later

“This small issue has been here since last year and it’s not going to go away any time soon. By continuing to ignore the issue, there’s definitely going to be more people getting more sick and eventually die,” Tovar said.

During the hearing Wednesday, the director of the state’s Medicaid program said the decision to end coverage of bone-marrow transplants involving unrelated people was based on a finding that all but one of 14 Medicaid patients who got those transplants died within two years.

State officials since have reviewed data submitted by transplant organizations and surgeons, Director Tom Betlach said.

“We have not seen anything that leads us to change what our two years of results are for unrelated bone-marrow transplants.”

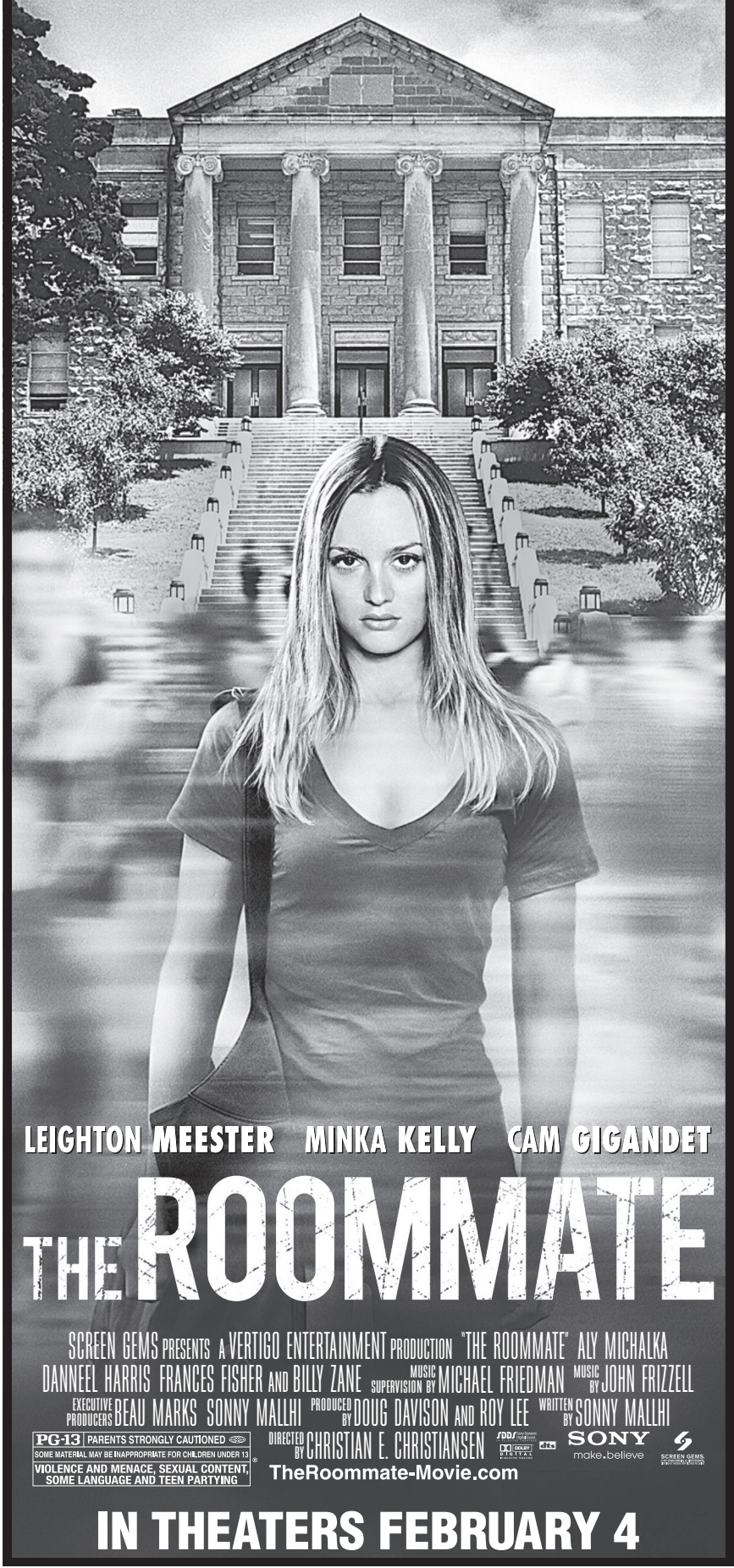
Democratic Rep. Matt Heniz, a physician from Tucson, said during the Wednesday hearing that the state should take heed of national studies that involved more people and found higher survival rates.

House Appropriations Chairman John Kavanagh, R-Fountain Hills, said relying on the state’s figures on Medicaid enrollees in Arizona was appropriate.

“Almost everybody died. That’s powerful stuff statistically,” he said.

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The plan is intended to meet SACS' criteria, which include enhancing student learning throughout the university and building on current research, by increasing students' intentional participation in "beyond-the-classroom experiences."

As opposed to the self-explanatory "within-classroom experiences," BTCs, as Van Scoy abbreviated them, include short-term varieties such as lectures and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and long-term ones such as the Living and Learning Community. The goal is that students will "construct meaning across experiences over time" in a way that will enable them to "creatively integrate and apply their knowledge, skills and dispositions."

Van Scoy described one of the proposed facets as an Amazon.com-esque search engine that would use students' current majors and activities to suggest BTCs that would interest and benefit them.

According to Van Scoy, SACS will be visiting USC at the end of March. The QEP will be finalized this summer and will be implemented in Fall 2011. An open QEP forum will be held in the Russell House Theater Feb. 15.

Find out more at [sc.edu/provost/qep](http://sc.edu/provost/qep).

Transparency

In response to calls from the South Carolina General Assembly for more transparency among public institutions, USC's Vice President of Finance and Planning and Chief Financial Officer Ted Moore said at the meeting that a full transparency website will launch July 1.

Moore said USC had already made much of its financial information available online and that the new website would not be cheap.

"It may be \$58,000 more to pay for this," said Moore. "And that's just a guess at this point."

According to Moore, law would exclude certain factors such as employee salaries under \$50,000 from being revealed. Currently, only state employees making more than \$50,000 must have their salaries posted on the Budget and Control Board website. He also said the university was

working so names wouldn't be listed on travel expenditures.

Budget

When USC President Harris Pastides stood at the lectern to give his assessment of the university, he noted that it was the Year of the Rabbit on the Chinese calendar.

"Rabbits are quick, cautious and know how to hide," Pastides said. "The university will be emulating some of these traits."

According to Moore, USC has cumulatively lost 41 percent of its state funding, and there could be another 25 percent cut this year.

"We're now funded at 1984 levels," Moore said. He continued that, if inflation is taken into account, state funding for the university is back in the "disco era."

Pastides said the university had already been forced to make huge sacrifices, including the loss of nine bachelor's degree programs, 25 master's programs and four doctorate programs.

"It will not be a good year financially," Pastides said. "I hope it will be the last bad year."

Pastides said the General Assembly is considering caps on tuition and the number of accepted out-of-state students, the former of which Moore said had a "very good likelihood" of occurring. Pastides said he asked legislators to do neither.

According to Pastides, USC receives \$112 million in tuition from out-of-state students. He said he made sure to point out to legislators that out-of-state tuition dollars are more than the state is funding the university. Pastides also said enrollment for in-state students was 77 percent.

While the president pointed out many of the problems the university faces, he touted statistics such as a 30 percent increase in black enrollment and the fact that 40 percent of all baccalaureate degrees from public universities in South Carolina come from USC. He also described his meetings with new Gov. Nikki Haley as a "breath of fresh air."

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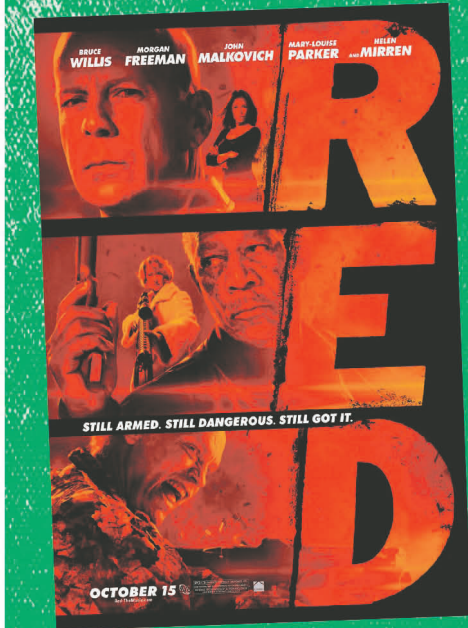


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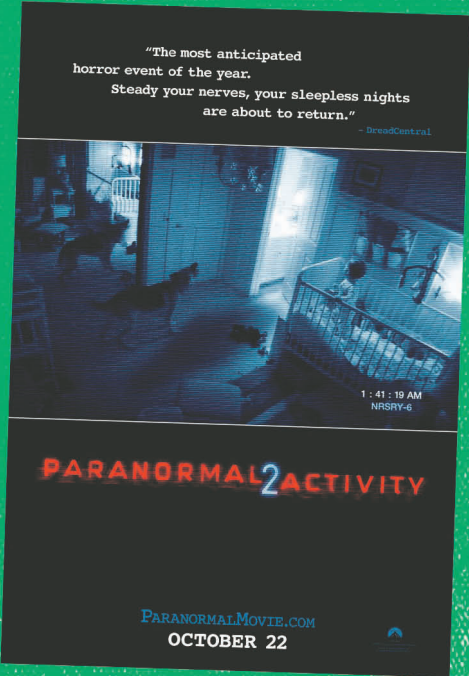
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blitz for the show, and the show's creators are holding a viewing party tonight in the second-floor lobby of the Russell House at 8

p.m.. There will be a "field trip" downtown Friday. So what's a top moment for the fledgling show? Kuhen couldn't decide.

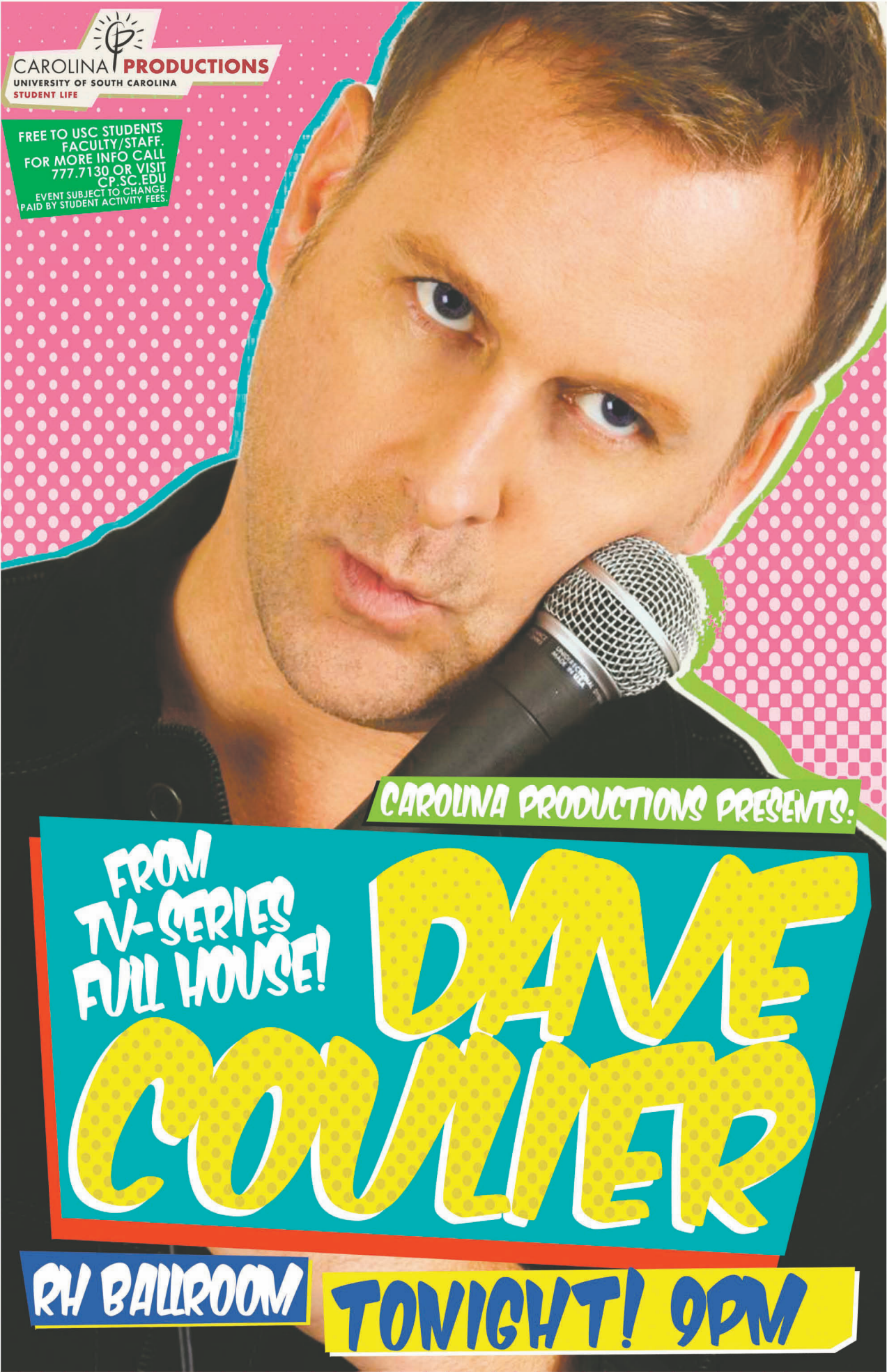
"Every time we film a new one and we're editing, we're like, 'This is our favorite episode yet,'" Kuhen said.



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Dunstall said. “They’re very friendly petitions.”

"A lot of strict vegans don't eat the dairy, so that would take very few adjustments to meet their needs," Gwiazdowski said.

“If we see a big need for students on those, we’ll definitely react,” Gwiazdowski

"This would help our campus lead a more cruelty-free lifestyle while satisfying the growing demand for healthier food," Arcamone said.

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## USC needs more vegan, vegetarian dining choices

A group of students on campus considers many Russell House meal options to be murder, and while murder is a little strong, we agree the choices could use some work.

Peta2 and student activists gathered outside of the Thomas Cooper Library Wednesday afternoon to protest the current Carolina Dining meal options and plead for more vegetarian and vegan choices on campus.

The student group, the newly formed Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, succeeded in collecting thousands of signatures on a petition for vegan-friendly food in dining halls.

The level of concern and passion these students have for this cause should prompt Carolina Dining to listen up.

**“The level of concern and passion these students have for this cause should prompt Carolina Dining to listen up.”**

While statistics may show that many students go to Russell House for Whoppers and chicken fingers, there is also a portion of the student population that will not purchase items containing meat, eggs or dairy products.

These students should have a variety of options as well.

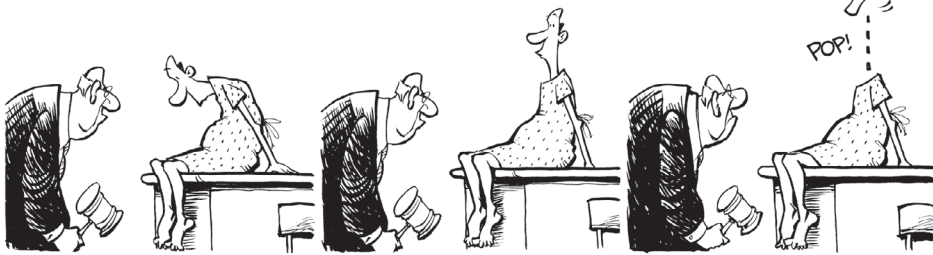
We sincerely appreciate the increased options added by Carolina Dining in recent years. This campus has surely become more friendly toward vegetarian and vegan students, and there are tasty options for both groups on a regular basis.

But adding more vegan and vegetarian choices will help diversify the menu, which pleases carnivores and herbivores alike.

The majority might just stick to the Whoppers. But we don't know unless we try.

USC can do better for this population. It must. Who knows?

Maybe the availability of animal-free options will turn a few meat lovers into vegans, too.



I LIKE MIKE

## DREAM Act should become law

**America owes education, citizenship to upcoming generation of immigrants**

Willa Cather described the main character of “My Antonia” as a “rich mine of life, like the founders of early races.”

There is no doubt that, throughout the novel, Antonia built for herself a life in which she could take pride. She had made for herself a family in the unforgiving world of the early American West. This attitude touches all of our old patriotic feelings, all the posturing and emotional rhetoric about “America” that dominates today’s media. But Cather did not write these words for a character that was American by descent. She wrote them for Antonia, a Bohemian girl trying to make her life in the frontier. An immigrant. And it is her life that, like Cather, we must accept as ours.

To compare this to our current struggles with immigration is a slight stretch, and the comparison would probably devalue both our political battles and Cather’s work. But the schizophrenic approach that we — not just as a nation, but as a state — maintain toward immigration is staggering. I feel we are caught between protecting our jobs and still holding true to what Cather’s words express — mainly, how much this country owes to its immigrants.

Just look at current legislation. A bill to crack down on undocumented workers — reminiscent of Arizona’s — has already caught attention in this state. But what

about Rep. Dan Cooper’s proposal to increase funding to school districts based on the number of poor students and students who speak English as a second language? Teachers have welcomed this money, hoping that more ESL instruction will improve progress in their classrooms. This almost mirrors the desire behind the failed DREAM Act, namely, a desire to open an opportunity for immigrant children and give them a stake in this country.

There is no question that the competition for jobs is a fierce one, and not every illegal immigrant is as saintly as many advocates would have us believe (America’s war on drugs has taught us that much). But many have come for their families, not themselves. Among those families — whether they be from across the border or across the globe — is our generation’s Antonia: some young man or woman who would willingly build a life if given the opportunity. Our debates will always continue, but while they do, a generation of youth — either illegal or the children of illegals — is growing up caught between countries. That is a generation we cannot afford to neglect. There is no longer any unconquered West for these Antonias to tame. There is only the path of education and citizenship.

I look forward to seeing Cooper’s proposal in action. I look forward to another year in which the DREAM Act may have a chance at becoming law. I truly look forward to legislation that aims at protecting all future generations of this state, offering us all a way to contribute both to ourselves and to our communities. That is what we deserve and what those before us have earned.

## Bus system in need of improvement

**Schedule, routes must change**

The winter cold has arrived, and no one wants to walk to class anymore.

This means the Carolina Shuttles are getting a little busier than usual. And while the busses are much better than walking, but there’s plenty of room for improvement.

I was walking off the bus at the Bates stop one day, and I thought, “Hey, this is nice. Less walking, more time to kill — good stuff.”

However, all that glitters is not gold.

As soon as I thought this, a speeding car almost threw me into Five Points as I walked in front of the bus. Now, I have always been somewhat absentminded, but who speeds by a stopped bus without possibly thinking about slowing down? Safety should be a main concern of the university, and stop signs should be put on the buses to avoid potential accidents. There have been plenty of close calls already. This would prevent an actual tragedy.

Another problem I have with the bus lines is the inability to run on a set schedule. “Approximate” is a terrible word when it comes to busses that take students to class. Get more buses, and standardize time spent at stops. These things will make it much more convenient for students and professors to utilize the system.

And for the love of all that is holy, please merge with the metropolitan bus system. Not only will this solve some of the above problems, it will make it much easier to get around on and off campus. In turn, that means those away from campus will be able to get to class without wasting gas. And let’s face it, the city busses could sure use the riders.

I love the convenience of the bus system, but a few remedies would be nice.

It all comes down to whether the university wants to usefully spend money and make the transportation system more effective.



**Stephen Barry**  
First-year broadcast journalism student

## ‘Skins’ encourages inappropriate behavior

*Program crosses line by glamorizing tragedies of teenage experience*

People say it’s tough being a kid.

Failing grades, rising promiscuity and bulging waistlines make it more difficult than ever for this generation to be successful. And sometimes, when things aren’t working out as planned, it’s easier just to say, “Screw it.” Teenagers are growing up in a society where lackadaisical aspirations are the norm. Who is to blame for this newfound apathy among young people?

For those who believe the polluted air and water are corrupting the health of today’s generation, consider the contaminated cultural sewage oozing from MTV in the form of the station’s controversial new show “Skins.” Controversy has surrounded the show from the beginning, and its creators have even been accused of violating child pornography laws because the show contains nudity, and almost all of the actors are under 18.

Sadly, as the show portrays teenagers living the glamorous lives of pathological liars and cocaine

addicts, nudity is the least of its problems.

MTV has cloaked itself in hypocrisy. The network runs advertisements for the anti-drug campaign “Above the Influence” and wisely inserts disclaimers at the end of shows that contain physical assaults that say domestic violence is never the answer, just to cover its butt. In a show like “Skins” that contains sexual promiscuity and rampant drug use, MTV has decided to corrupt America’s youth and pretend to care by sticking in legal reassurance during the commercial break.

An MTV spokeswoman, Jeannie Kedas, insists that “Skins” is a show that addresses real-world issues confronting teens in a frank way.” Look no further than the show’s website to read the Teen Advisory Board’s baseless jargon stating that they aim to keep “Skins” as real as possible and that “real kids, real stories and real relationships” influence everything in the show.

While some may argue that “Skins” is not

a realistic portrayal of the American teenager, I disagree. I do not think “Skins” is realistic enough. Within one hour, we watch boys and girls have sex with multiple partners and take every drug in their parent’s medicine cabinets. What the show neglects to include is the misery and unavoidable trips to the hospital a real-life teenager would experience after behaving this way. The show glamorizes the worst aspects of youth and creates a mixed message to viewers.

Since the show casts underage teenagers, it is ironic that to access any online episodes on MTV.com a person must first prove that he or she is over 18. If MTV claims this is what real teenagers are going through and doing in real life, why the need to censor it?

MTV is fueling the “everyone is doing it” corruption of youth while claiming to be the knight in shining armor for teenagers, geared toward setting a good example. With the network blurring the lines and having such a strong grip on teenage entertainment, it is hard for teenagers to discern right from wrong.



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### CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday’s edition, we incorrectly reported that a rally to support Egypt was held Thursday. That rally was actually held Tuesday. We also said the Confederate memorial stands on Assembly Street. That memorial is actually on Gervais Street.

In a story about new alcohol and drug policies on campus, we incorrectly reported the policy was last changed in 2009. Its last update was in 2010. Again, we regret the error.



# Senseless Beatings charts new territory

*Prog-rock band explores philosophical issues in history, music on debut LP*

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Far from the tired lyrics on ex-lovers and young heartbreak, Senseless Beatings, an alternative/progressive band from Rock Hill, S.C., presents a new breed of rock. The sound is best represented in the tagline for its debut LP: “An exploration of World War II as the event that ended the dialectical movement of history.” Combining philosophic theories with interesting arrangements, including intense flute melodies by flautist Jo Garnett, the quartet has created with its debut LP, “After History,” an uncommon flavor of alternative music. The members also incorporated guest trumpet and trombone players on the fourth track of the LP, “The Ballad of Hiroshima,” adding to the song’s eclectic soul. This individual sound is one of the band’s self-described strengths. “It’s unique. Lots of odd meter, unconventional song structure and more mature themes,” lead singer and guitarist Chase Brown said. The inspiration for the band’s distinct strain of music varies from member to member, but some general influences are Thrice and Okkervil River, while lyrics

and songwriting come from philosophers like Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel and Mark C. Taylor. Brown credited popular alternative band Brand New with a significant influence on his end of things. He called one particular Brand New album, “The Devil and God Are Raging Inside Me” a “life changer.” The band first formed in 2009 at Winthrop University and added Garnett soon after. “Jo was really the first fan of the band, and so we added her after the first show,” Brown said. In fact, Garnett was one of the first future members who Brown, the founder, met at Winthrop. They first got to know one another in their Existentialism and Epistemology class in the fall of 2007. Soon after, Brown met Thomas Alverson, bassist and vocalist, while playing acoustic guitar on Winthrop’s campus. After playing acoustically for a while, the band found its drummer in Ian Lee. Senseless Beatings has come a very long way since 2007, however. It is a self-built band, overcoming the challenge of independent music-making as many local and lesser known bands have before them. “The biggest challenge has been doing it ourselves! We recorded, mixed and mastered ‘After History.’ We also did our own artwork, booking and promoting. We just work really hard and try to collaborate as much as possible within the band,” Brown said.



Courtesy of facebook.com

All of their hard work has finally come to fruition. With the creation of this standout debut, Senseless Beatings has come even closer to realizing its ultimate goal for the band. “We want to make unique and meaningful music, and we’d like for people to appreciate us,” Brown said. The members have promoted their release with the most grassroots approach, making connections with possible fans on a personal level, as Brown pointed out, “It’s just been a constant push. We’ve been trying to get people to listen through e-mails and face-to-face conversation, and of course, we’ve been playing music for people.”

Senseless Beatings will be “playing music for people” tonight at New Brookland Tavern in celebration of its recent debut release. They will accompany fellow indie band and headliner Full Color Footage alongside Andy Lehman & the Night Moves and Brandon Kirkley and the Firecrackers. Physical copies of “After History” will be on sale at the show, while the digital version is available on [senselessbeatings.bandcamp.com](http://senselessbeatings.bandcamp.com).

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## reality TV stars

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MTV reality shows have been the target of controversy for years, touching on many hot-button issues like teen pregnancy and partying and shooting young teens and 20-somethings into a life of largely undeserved fame. The cast of “Jersey Shore” has become internationally known, making millions by perfecting the art of working out, tanning and doing laundry, while “Teen Mom” stars are plastered on the covers of tabloids week after week. Although these “reality” shows all share some questionable values, we can’t help but love a few of their starring personalities. These are the five MTV reality stars we’re obsessing about this week.

### 1. Snooki (“Jersey Shore”)

Everybody knows her — the little meatball guidette we’ve all come to know and maybe even love. With famous and hilarious quotes like, “Oh, my vagina’s out,” and, “Honestly, like who hides in a bush? Only me. I will pee in a bush, I will poop in a bush, I will hide in a bush,” Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi has cemented her place in the reality TV star hall of fame. The hit reality show airs Thursdays at 10 p.m.



Courtesy of okmagazine.com

### 2. Jordan (“I Used to Be Fat”)

Last week’s episode of MTV’s latest reality show “I Used to Be Fat” spotlighted 18-year-old high school senior Jordan’s summer weight loss journey. Attributing his overweight lifestyle to a troubled childhood with an alcoholic mother, Jordan uprooted his eating habits and lifestyle to shed nearly 70 pounds before college. With help from his hunky, heavily tattooed personal trainer Joey, Jordan floored viewers with an almost unrecognizable new look. He transformed his body while picking up a girlfriend, a best friend and a renewed relationship with his mother along the way. This makes Jordan our most transformed and amiable of the bunch. “I Used to Be Fat” airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m.

### 3. Liz Lee (“My Life as Liz”)

Lovable hipster Liz Lee has put a new spin on the typical high school drama in her semi-reality show “My Life as Liz.” A self-proclaimed member of the “nerd herd,” Liz lives out the stereotypical teenager angst but makes it so much cooler. She befriends the queen of the high school’s “mean girls” and shows up to the most exclusive of house parties dressed as a giant bunch of grapes. The new season, “My Life as Liz 2,” follows our favorite softcore rebel to New York City, where she attends art school at Pratt Institute and struggles with life away from her friends and family back in Texas. It premieres this Tuesday at 11 p.m.



Courtesy of mtv.com

### 4. Leah Messer (“Teen Mom 2”)

The teen moms featured on MTV’s “Teen Mom 2” are following in the footsteps of the first season’s famed stars, taking over the “celebrity” gossip scene with their endless romances, family drama and “bad girl” antics. However, this season’s Leah Messer has impressed viewers with her shocking transition from 16-year-old party girl to responsible young mother, dealing with hardships way beyond her age. Messer, who had twin girls Ali and Aleeah with rebound boyfriend Corey Simms, has gotten her act together in light of baby Ali’s possible spinal damage. Our fingers are crossed for baby Ali and the couple’s rumored recent marriage. “Teen Mom 2” airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m.



Courtesy of fanpop.com

### 5. Pauly D (“Jersey Shore”)

With his famous gelled-up and cemented-in-place hairstyle and laid-back personality, Pauly D from “Jersey Shore” has become a favorite of the tanned, party-loving cast. On his carefully constructed and unusually stiff spiked hair, Pauly said, “My hair didn’t even move an inch, and I was in and out of the water. My hair’s windproof, waterproof, soccerproof, motorcycleproof. I’m not sure if my hair’s bulletproof, I’m not willin’ to try that.” Perfecting the “T-shirt time” call and the art of dodging “grenades,” Pauly D is our vote for most eligible bachelor in Seaside.

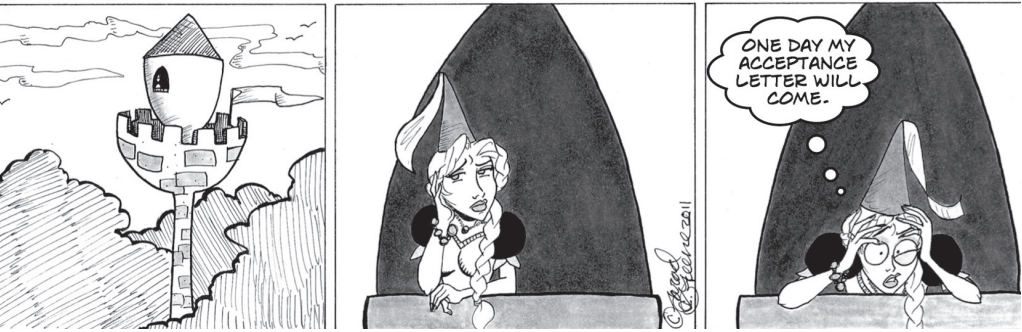
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HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** Today (and for the next three weeks) communication comes easily. Take advantage of this to bring other people into your projects. Thank them.

**TAURUS** The days ahead look promising. Your ambition and desire for perfection can take you far. Write down career goals and take action to realize them.

**GEMINI** If you dream of moving to another continent, now is the right time to do it. It will take courage, patience and thoroughness, but you can do it.

**CANCER** Change keeps showing up today. Although you feel more conservative, you jump into action. Invest in your own ideas, and you'll be pleased.

**LEO** It's a perfect day to recreate partnerships. Banish old wounds and invent something new with a business or sentimental partner. Why waste precious time? Play together.

**VIRGO** Focus your energy on completing projects, especially those that require focused skill. You're on fire, and you want to get things done. Take your time.

**LIBRA** Continue your trip into self-discovery. Don't be afraid to be childlike. Paint with your fingers, maybe. Don't miss a chance to play outside.

**SCORPIO** Learn from the challenges earlier in the day. Find your way home, eventually, to a comfortable chair for some serious lounging, complete with favorite treats.

**SAGITTARIUS** Not everybody likes what you say, and that's OK. You can be respectful and still speak out. Don't be afraid to go public for what you care about.

**CAPRICORN** Put your energy to work generating money. Rethink financial options, and be open to new income possibilities. Go for what you want, but don't step on anyone to get it.

**AQUARIUS** You have everything going for you today. Don't fall asleep on your laurels and keep exploring creatively. Reward yourself by watching a good film.

**PISCES** Find a quiet place to sit and write down your thoughts. Concentrate intently. Enjoy the quiet time before the full speed coming ahead.

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**WHAT:** Habitat for Humanity  
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**WHERE:** BA Building 435

**WHAT:** Navigator's Women's Bible study  
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**WHAT:** WUSC body meeting  
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**WHAT:** Relay for Life meeting  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** RH 348

**WHAT:** Garnet & Black PR meeting  
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**WHAT:** Dave Coulier  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** RH Ballroom

**WHAT:** News From Last Thursday meeting  
**WHEN:** 9 p.m.  
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PICTURE OF THE DAY



Brian Almond / THE DAILY GAMECOCK  
Amanda Arcamone, a second-year experimental psychology student and founder of USC's Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, dressed up as the "I Am Not a Nugget" chicken to promote the need for more options for a vegan lifestyle on campus.

Crossword

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Jason Getz / The Atlanta Journal Constitution

Linebacker Cedrick Cooper (left) was one of several USC commits who made his decision during the final week of college recruiting. The Lithonia, Ga., native joins 29 other players as the newest members of South Carolina's football team.

# USC scores on Signing Day

## Gamecocks excited about latest group of recruits

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It may still have room to grow, but as of right now, South Carolina is pleased with its newest group of signees.

Although the word is still out on No. 1 overall recruit Jadeveon Clowney, the Gamecocks closed out National Signing Day with 30 additions to the football program. The group was ranked No. 13 by Scout.com and No. 20 by Rivals.com, marking the seventh straight year Carolina has placed in the top 25 in at least one of the polls.

"We think it's a good bunch," coach Steve Spurrier said. "Our coaches did a super job recruiting most of these guys for well over a year. As we all know, recruiting isn't just a nine-month, but sometimes a one- to two-year process of hanging with these guys, getting to know them and developing relationships."

The class boasts 15 players on both offense and defense, with particular emphasis on linemen. Highlighting the newest group on the offensive end is Goose Creek native Brandon Shell.

Rated as a four-star recruit, Shell joins Carolina as the nation's No. 4 offensive tackle and the No. 66 player overall.

"We certainly want to give Brandon Shell an opportunity to play left tackle this year. He'll be getting coached

really hard," Spurrier said. "Hopefully Brandon will come in here and compete for starting positions, playing time or whatever. Brandon is a big-time recruit, could've gone about anywhere in the country. It's neat to see the best in-state players staying in our state now."

On the defensive side, Manning native Phillip Dukes made headlines with his commitment to Carolina on Tuesday. Dukes comes in as a four-star recruit and the nation's No. 9 defensive tackle. With the departure of multiple linemen from last year's team, it's likely that he'll see a chance to earn considerable playing time.

"We were fortunate this year there were a lot of talented defensive linemen in this state," special teams coordinator Shane Beamer said. "When you can sign those kinds of defensive linemen out of your own state, that makes it a lot easier. It was a position of need for us. We didn't have a lot of depth and lost Ladi Ajiboye and Cliff Matthews. I really like the way we finished things at that position."

Also coming in as late additions were Pinewood native Jerell Adams and Cedrick Cooper of Lithonia, Ga. Adams, who committed Monday, comes in as a three-star tight end, while Cooper, who committed Wednesday, joins the program as a three-star linebacker.

"We got commitments and signed papers from the last three guys we were recruiting, so that added our number up a little bit," Spurrier said. "Recruiting is not an exact science. You can't say we'll sign 24. You may sign 22 or 26, and then

you just have to work it out the best way you can. We felt pretty good about the class. Now it's up to the players and us to coach them into being outstanding student-athletes and represent our school in championship-winner type fashion."

Previous commits who didn't sign, however, were Atlanta defensive end Lorenzo Mauldin and linebacker Jordan Montgomery of Groveland, Fla., both of whom have work to do academically. USC also hasn't received a letter of intent from New Jersey wide receiver Damiere Byrd but expects it to arrive soon.

Spurrier also credited the solid class to his current players' abilities to sway potential signees.

"Your current players have to be good recruits, especially the young guys," Spurrier said. "Marcus Lattimore, Stephon Gilmore and all those guys did a super job hosting and showing the guys around on their visits."

As for the future of his latest batch of players, Spurrier believes a better assessment will be made in the coming seasons.

"Hopefully three or four years from now, we'll find out if it's an outstanding recruiting class or not," Spurrier said. "We're happy with the players that came with us, and we feel like we have a chance to continue doing some big things and hopefully some bigger things in the next three or four years."

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## Nation awaits decision from No. 1 Clowney

### Rock Hill defensive end not first to delay college choice

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Signing Day has come and gone, and Jadeveon Clowney is still on the board.

Clowney, the nation's top-ranked recruit, did not sign with any school Wednesday. The South Pointe defensive end has said he will wait until Feb. 14, his birthday, to announce his decision. He is said to favor USC over Alabama, although in an interview with ESPN on Wednesday, Clowney said Clemson is also a serious possibility. He officially visited the Upstate school last weekend.

Coach Steve Spurrier was coy in indirectly discussing Clowney's status.

"We can't talk about that one guy. That's against the rules about him," Spurrier said.

The drama over where Clowney will end up is captivating fans and those who follow recruiting. Spurrier reiterated the wait isn't a distraction or disruption for his program.

"I don't think it's that disruptive," he said. "We're all just waiting it out, like some other schools are at this time."

Recruiting coordinator Shane Beamer said waiting on such a high-profile recruit is something he has never gone through before, but it was bearable given the caliber of recruit USC is trying to obtain.

"This is a new situation for me," Beamer said. "I know there [were] a couple guys last year across the country that did that and waited. Obviously, at this point, that person we're talking about is a pretty good player."

Clowney's decision to wait is not unprecedented. Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor took over a month after Signing Day in 2008 to announce he would become a Buckeye. In 2009, top running back Bryce Brown signed with Tennessee in March after originally committing to Miami. Brown then left UT after coach Lane Kiffin left for Southern Cal and transferred back home to Kansas State, where he should be able to play next fall after sitting out a year per NCAA transfer rules.

Perhaps the most famous late-signing recruit was Seantrel Henderson, who signed with Southern Cal but was released from his letter of intent after the program was hit with stiff sanctions. Henderson then signed with Miami in July of 2010.

**Rankings aren't everything:** Spurrier said recruiting is very important to a college football program. He also added that a highly ranked recruit class doesn't necessarily always pan out, using two current television analysts as examples.

"Randy Shannon had the No. 1 recruiting class at 2008 [with Miami] and Urban Meyer had the No. 1 class last year [with Florida]. Both of those guys are working television now," Spurrier said. "Urban left because of health reasons, but [Shannon] got fired."

**Winning returns:** Spurrier said a nine-win season, a defeat of then-No. 1 Alabama and the first SEC East title in school history definitely helped the Gamecocks on the recruiting trail.

"Certainly the ability to win and proving we can beat good teams ... showed the guys we can win big here," Spurrier said. "We haven't done it yet, we haven't won big, but we did get the Eastern Division and make a little bit of progress. We're hoping for a lot bigger years."

**Extra points:** Spurrier said USC signed "about 31 of 38 guys" the Gamecocks went after ... Spurrier said defensive line signees the Dixon brothers, Gerald and Gerald Jr., are referred to as "Northwestern Dixon" and "South Pointe Dixon." Both brothers grew up in Rock Hill. Gerald attended South Pointe High while Gerald Jr. attended Northwestern High.

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# Gamecocks outduel LSU on road

## Strong second half pushes Carolina past Tigers in Baton Rouge

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With 7:11 left to play in the game and a 57-44 advantage over LSU, South Carolina had all but assured a victory it desperately needed.

The Tigers threatened with a 9-0 run, but when freshman Ralston Turner fouled out with 3:52 remaining, Carolina closed out the game convincingly, winning 64-56 for its first victory in Baton Rouge since 2001.

Turner, who entered the week averaging 13.1 points per game, was held to just two on the night by the Gamecock defense.

Coming from two consecutive losses, USC got off to a slow start against LSU, taking almost three full minutes to score its first points. But the Gamecocks gradually built a four-point edge at halftime into a convincing lead.

The Gamecocks received a boost from the return of sophomore forward Lakeem Jackson, who totaled four points while contributing eight rebounds and four assists. The offense was led by freshman point guard Bruce Ellington, who played 36 minutes and scored 20 points, including three 3-pointers.

Junior Malik Cooke was Carolina's other double-digit scorer, providing 12 points off the bench in 23 minutes of play. Brian Richardson brought a spark off the bench as well with eight points on the night. Ramon Galloway started at forward, contributing nine points and five rebounds. Proving to be a big difference, however, was Carolina's ability to shoot free throws when it counted, making 14 of 17 on the night. The Gamecocks also outrebounded LSU 34-33.

Carolina's defense was also a major factor in the win, preventing LSU from scoring for over five minutes and holding the Tigers to just 35.3 percent shooting on the night. With 23 defensive rebounds, USC effectively stifled LSU's ability to get second-chance points and showed the energy that was lacking in its two recent losses.

The win puts the Gamecocks back over .500 in SEC play with a record of 4-3. They'll look to extend their road-winning streak when they take on Vanderbilt Saturday afternoon.



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Senior Sam Muldrow added four blocks in USC's 64-56 victory over LSU Wednesday night. The win takes USC to 4-3 in the SEC.

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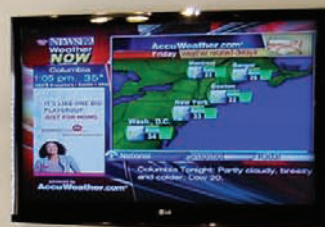
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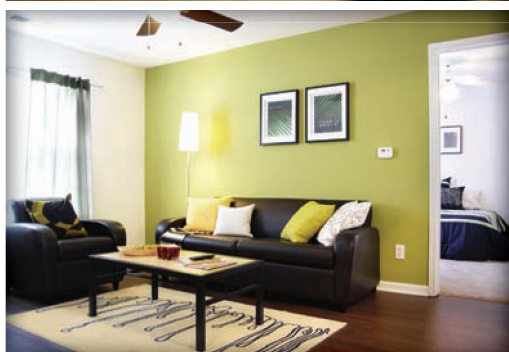
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